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SUBJECT: DUTCH CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING A TWELVE-
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MILE TERRITORIAL SEA

1. DUTCH EMBASSY OFFICER (FIRST SECRETARY KOERNER) CALLED
ON D/LOS DIRECTOR BERLIND TODAY TO SAY THAT INTERDEPARTMEN-
TAL TALKS WERE BEING CONDUCTED IN THE HAGUE ON THE QUESTION
OF "EVENTUALLY" EXTENDING THE DUTCH TERRITORIAL SEA FROM
THREE TO TWELVE MILES. ON INSTRUCTIONS, KOERNER ENQUIRED

WHAT THE US VIEW OF EXTENSIONS BEYOND THREE MILES IN GENERAL WAS AND ASKED WHETHER THE USG WAS CONTEMPLATING ANY SUCH ACTION.

2. BERLIND REPLIED THAT USG HAD NO SUCH PLAN, THAT THE US DOES NOT RECOGNIZE SEA TERRITORIAL CLAIMS BEYOND THREE MILES AND THAT, IF ASKED, THE US WOULD OPPOSE EXTENSIONS BEYOND THREE MILES BY OTHER STATES. BERLIND MADE SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE STRAITS QUESTION AND THE CAREFUL BALANCE THAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED THUS FAR IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PROPOSED TERRITORIAL SEA EXTENSION AND THE PRESERVATION OF TRANSIT RIGHTS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL STRAITS GREATER THAN THOSE PERMITTED UNDER INNOCENT PASSAGE.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH KOERNER WAS NOT CERTAIN, HE BELIEVED THAT DUTCH CONSIDERATION OF THIS QUESTION MAY WELL HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE EC-NINE. INFO POSTS SHOULD BE ALERT TO SIMILAR THINKING IN THEIR CAPITALS.

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